

ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
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WATER CONSERVATION PLAN NOTICE

1. Name Short Creek Irrigation District Telephone 928-530-8002
Address P.O. Box 959 City Colorado City State AZ Zip 86021
2. Describe each water right and/or claim in the Water Conservation Plan by completing Attachment A and providing the information indicated. Please file Attachment A with this form.
3. Description of any water conservation measures that will be implemented (attach any supporting documentation):
See Attachment A, § 1.
4. Duration of Water Conservation Plan (up to 10 years): 10 years
5. I affirm that the Water Conservation Plan is voluntary and temporary in nature. Yes X
6. I affirm that the Water Conservation Plan is intended to result in the temporary reduction in the use of water or a reduction in the diversion of water. Yes X
7. I affirm that the activities described in the Water Conservation Plan will contribute to the practical and economical management, conservation and use of surface water in the watersheds of this state. Yes X
8. I affirm that it is not my intent to abandon the surface water right(s) included in the Water Conservation Plan during the terms of the Water Conservation Plan. Yes X

The undersigned hereby represents and affirms that the information contained herein (including any attachments) is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief at the time of filing.

Arnold R. Ritten SCID Board President 9-30-2024
Signature Date

Please mail the completed form and attachments to the address listed above.

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Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes ("A.R.S.") § 45-189.01, a person who is entitled to use surface water may include a surface water right or claim in a Water Conservation Plan and file a Water Conservation Plan Notice with the Director of the Arizona Department of Water Resources ("Department"). According to section 45-189.01, if certain requirements are satisfied, the conservation of water pursuant to a properly filed Water Conservation Plan Notice "does not constitute an abandonment or forfeiture of the water conserved." However, "a person may not accrue long-term storage credits for any water that is conserved in a Water Conservation Plan."

A Water Conservation Plan Notice must designate the duration of the Water Conservation Plan for up to ten years. The person filing the Water Conservation Plan Notice "may file a subsequent notice for some or all of the water rights and/or claims before expiration of the designated time and may file subsequent Water Conservation Plan Notices for one or more periods of up to ten years each." The Water Conservation Plan will be posted on the Department's website.

INSTRUCTIONS

The following information is provided to assist in filing a Water Conservation Plan Notice by using the attached form developed by the Department for that purpose. **Please be sure to complete the entire form, sign, date, and mail it** to the Department at the address indicated on the form. A fee is not required to file the form. The Department suggests that you retain a copy of the Water Conservation Plan Notice and any other documents that may be filed with the Director.

Line by line instructions for completing the form and filing a Water Conservation Plan Notice are set forth below. Please provide the following information:

1. Name and address of the person filing the Water Conservation Plan Notice. This person must be entitled to use the surface water right(s) and/or claim(s) included in the Water Conservation Plan.
2. For each surface water right and/or claim included in the Water Conservation Plan, please use Attachment A to provide a description of the surface water right(s) and/or claim(s) included in the Water Conservation Plan. Please file Attachment A with the Water Conservation Plan Notice form.
3. Description of any water conservation measures that will be implemented as part of the Water Conservation Plan (attach any supporting documentation).
4. Designation of duration of the Water Conservation Plan, (up to 10 years). Please note you may file a subsequent Water Conservation Plan before expiration of the designated time and may file subsequent Water Conservation Plan Notices for some or all of the surface water rights and/or claims included in the Water Conservation Plan for one or more periods up to 10 years each.
5. Statement affirming that the Water Conservation Plan is voluntary and temporary in nature by marking "yes" on the form.
6. Statement affirming that the Water Conservation Plan is intended to result in the temporary reduction in the use of water or a reduction in the diversion of water by marking "yes" on the form.
7. Statement affirming that the activities described in the Water Conservation Plan will contribute to the practical and economical management, conservation and use of surface water in the watersheds of this state by marking "yes" on the form.
8. Statement affirming that you hold a valid surface water right that is subject to the Water Conservation Plan and you do not intend to abandon such surface water right during the terms of the Water Conservation Plan by marking "yes" on the form.

Please note that by signing the form, you are affirming and representing that the information contained in the form (including any attachments) is true and accurate to the best of your knowledge and belief at the time of filing.

Please be advised that the Department does not review Water Conservation Plan Notices to determine whether the information provided is accurate and complete, and the Department does not provide legal advice. However, if you have any questions, comments or requests for assistance concerning filing procedures you may contact the Department's Surface Water Permitting Section at (602) 771-8621.

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ATTACHMENT A

WATER CONSERVATION PLAN NOTICE

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Attachment A is to be filed only as an attachment to a completed Water Conservation Plan Notice form. Please describe each surface water right and/or claim in the Water Conservation Plan by providing the following information. Provide photocopies of this attachment as needed for additional surface water rights and/or claims.

Surface Water Right or Claim Registry Number 4172.0001 (Application No. R-2704.0001)

a. Type of surface water source and name Short Creek

a tributary to Virgin River within the Virgin River watershed.

b. Purpose of surface water use (historical): Stock watering and irrigation

(current): Water conservation (no current diversion)

c. Legal description of point(s) of diversion: County Washington County, Utah See Attachment A, § 2.

Parcel I.D. No. and/or Lot No. and 1/4 1/4 1/4, Section, Township N/S, Range E/W

Parcel I.D. No. and/or Lot No. and 1/4 1/4 1/4, Section, Township N/S, Range E/W

d. Legal description of place(s) of surface water use: County Mohave County, Arizona

Parcel I.D. No. and/or Lot No. and 1/4 1/4 1/4, Section, Township N/S, Range E/W

Parcel I.D. No. and/or Lot No. and 1/4 1/4 1/4, Section, Township N/S, Range E/W

Parcel I.D. No. and/or Lot No. and 1/4 1/4 1/4, Section, Township N/S, Range E/W

See Attachment A, § 3.

Surface Water Right or Claim Registry Number

a. Type of surface water source and name

a tributary to within the watershed.

b. Purpose of surface water use (historical):

(current):

c. Legal description of point(s) of diversion: County

Parcel I.D. No. and/or Lot No. and 1/4 1/4 1/4, Section, Township N/S, Range E/W

Parcel I.D. No. and/or Lot No. and 1/4 1/4 1/4, Section, Township N/S, Range E/W

d. Legal description of place(s) of surface water use: County

Parcel I.D. No. and/or Lot No. and 1/4 1/4 1/4, Section, Township N/S, Range E/W

Parcel I.D. No. and/or Lot No. and 1/4 1/4 1/4, Section, Township N/S, Range E/W

Parcel I.D. No. and/or Lot No. and 1/4 1/4 1/4, Section, Township N/S, Range E/W

ATTACHMENT A (cont.)
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Surface Water Right or Claim Registry Number _____

a. Type of surface water source and name _____

a tributary to _____ within the _____ watershed.

b. Purpose of surface water use (historical): _____

(current): _____

c. Legal description of point(s) of diversion: County _____

Parcel I.D. No. _____ and/or Lot No. _____ and _____ 1/4 _____ 1/4 _____ 1/4, Section _____, Township _____ N/S, Range _____ E/W

Parcel I.D. No. _____ and/or Lot No. _____ and _____ 1/4 _____ 1/4 _____ 1/4, Section _____, Township _____ N/S, Range _____ E/W

d. Legal description of place(s) of surface water use: County _____

Parcel I.D. No. _____ and/or Lot No. _____ and _____ 1/4 _____ 1/4 _____ 1/4, Section _____, Township _____ N/S, Range _____ E/W

Parcel I.D. No. _____ and/or Lot No. _____ and _____ 1/4 _____ 1/4 _____ 1/4, Section _____, Township _____ N/S, Range _____ E/W

Parcel I.D. No. _____ and/or Lot No. _____ and _____ 1/4 _____ 1/4 _____ 1/4, Section _____, Township _____ N/S, Range _____ E/W

Surface Water Right or Claim Registry Number _____

a. Type of surface water source and name _____

a tributary to _____ within the _____ watershed.

b. Purpose of surface water use (historical): _____

(current): _____

c. Legal description of point(s) of diversion: County _____

Parcel I.D. No. _____ and/or Lot No. _____ and _____ 1/4 _____ 1/4 _____ 1/4, Section _____, Township _____ N/S, Range _____ E/W

Parcel I.D. No. _____ and/or Lot No. _____ and _____ 1/4 _____ 1/4 _____ 1/4, Section _____, Township _____ N/S, Range _____ E/W

d. Legal description of place(s) of surface water use: County _____

Parcel I.D. No. _____ and/or Lot No. _____ and _____ 1/4 _____ 1/4 _____ 1/4, Section _____, Township _____ N/S, Range _____ E/W

Parcel I.D. No. _____ and/or Lot No. _____ and _____ 1/4 _____ 1/4 _____ 1/4, Section _____, Township _____ N/S, Range _____ E/W

Parcel I.D. No. _____ and/or Lot No. _____ and _____ 1/4 _____ 1/4 _____ 1/4, Section _____, Township _____ N/S, Range _____ E/W

ATTACHMENT A
WATER CONSERVATION PLAN NOTICE
Short Creek Irrigation District
Certificate of Water Right No. 4172.0001

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1. Water Conservation Measures That Will Be Implemented

This Water Conservation Plan is intended to result in the temporary reduction in the storage, diversion, and use of water from Short Creek on lands described in Certificate of Water Right No. 4172.001 (Application No. R-2704.001) issued by the Arizona Department of Water Resources (“ADWR”) on or about February 12, 2021 (“Certificate”). Nothing in this Water Conservation Plan is intended to be or shall be construed as a limitation on the perfected rights set forth in the Certificate.

The Certificate demonstrates perfected appropriative rights to divert and use 1,245 acre-feet (“AF”) of water for irrigation on 415 acres of land from March 1 through November 30 of each year and 438,000 gallons per annum for stock watering and to store water up to a capacity of 40 AF in Reservoir #1 and 40 AF in Reservoir #2. The rights set forth in the Certificate bear a priority date of December 3, 1969. All lands described in the Certificate have been historically irrigated with water stored and diverted from Short Creek, a tributary to the Virgin River.

The water rights set forth in the Certificate are involved in a comprehensive effort by the United Effort Plan Trust (“UEP”) to reorganize and reallocate certain properties and other assets in Utah and Arizona. That reorganization and reallocation requires a series of complex transactions that have occurred and are scheduled to continue to occur over a period of years.

Short Creek Irrigation District (“SCID”) is named as the holder of the water rights in the Certificate and is the successor in interest to UEP for purposes of those and certain other assets. The current intent of the parties involved in the UEP efforts is eventually to sever and transfer the water rights set forth in the Certificate to the Washington County Water Conservancy District (“WCWCD”) for use on other lands for other purposes pursuant to A.R.S. §§ 45-156 and 45-172. WCWCD will use the water rights set forth in the Certificate to support a groundwater development project that will supply municipal water to the area. WCWCD is in the process of designing and permitting the groundwater development project. Due to the complex nature of the transactions associated with UEP’s efforts to reorganize and reallocate, certain threshold actions necessary to complete and file the anticipated application with ADWR to effectuate the severance and transfer have not yet occurred and might not occur for some additional time.

In the interim while those threshold actions are in process, SCID intends to refrain from storing, diverting, or using any water from Short Creek pursuant to the Certificate in order to promote water conservation in the area. Neither SCID nor any other party associated with the UEP efforts intends to forfeit or abandon the water rights described in the Certificate during that interim period. In addition to temporarily augmenting the flows in Short Creek and the Virgin River, the actions by SCID and others to refrain from storing, diverting, and using that water during this period will enhance wildlife and other environmental and natural resource interests

along those watercourses and will allow for additional natural recharge of that water along those watercourses, thereby having a positive impact on underground water levels in the surrounding areas. The activities described in this Water Conservation Plan will contribute to the practical and economical management, conservation, and use of water on Short Creek and in the Virgin River Watershed.

2. Legal Description of Point(s) of Diversion

SW ¼, SW ¼, NE ¼, Section 26, Township 43 South, Range 10 West, SLB&M

3. Legal Description of Place(s) of Surface Water Use

All places of use listed in the Certificate, including:

The following lands in Section 6, Township 41 North, Range 6 West, G&SRB&M, Mohave County, Arizona:

S ½, SE ¼, NE ¼
SW ¼, NW ¼
S ½, NW ¼,
NE ¼, SW ¼
N ½, S ½, SE ¼
N ½, S ½
SE ¼, NE ¼

The following lands in Section 1, Township 41 North, Range 7 West, G&SRB&M, Mohave County, Arizona:

SE ¼, NE ¼
NW ¼

Reservoir #1 in SE ¼, NW ¼, Section 5, Township 41 North, Range 6 West, G&SRB&M, Mohave County, Arizona.

Reservoir #2 in NW ¼, SE ¼, Section 32, Township 42 North, Range 6 West, G&SRB&M, Mohave County, Arizona.

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